

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, 19, 25, 28 and 34-36 are amended.

Claims 8, 17, 20-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are original.

Claims 31-33 are cancelled.

Claims 37 and 38 are new.

Claim 1 is amended for clarity by replacing the phrase "a cationic dyestuff of formula (1), or a mixture thereof" with "one or more cationic dyestuff of formula (1)" and replacing "further, R_5 and R_6 are" with " R_5 and R_6 are also".

Claim 2 is amended to delete the redundant phrase "and X^- , m and n have the meanings indicated".

Claim 3 is amended to delete the term "preferably".

Claims 4 and 16 are amended for clarity by rewording by replacing the parenthetical phrase "(m=1)" with "when m is 1".

Claims 5 is amended to remove multiple ranges and multiple dependencies.

Claims 6 and 18 are amended for clarity by inserting the phrase "one or more compounds" and deleting the term "optionally" and deleting the phrases "and mixtures thereof" and "preferably of the benzene series".

Claim 7 is amended to remove multiple ranges.

Claims 9-11 and 34-36 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 12 and 14 are amended for clarity by inserting the term process immediately prior to the term "comprises", replacing the phrase "a carbinol dye precursor of the formula (2) or a mixture

thereof" with " at least one carbinol dye precursor of the formula (2)" and replacing the phrase "further R₅ and R₆ are" with "R₅ and R₆ are also".

Claim 12 is further amended to change the letter denoting the first two components from (a) to (a1) and (b) to (b1) and delete reference to unspecified organic acid and the term "preferably" in component (b1). Support for the deletions in (b1) is found in line 12 of page 8 of the specification.

Claim 14 is further amended to delete the phrase "dissolved or dispersed in an organic solvent" from component (a). Support is found in the paragraph that begins at the bottom of page 8 of the specification.

13 and 15 are amended to delete the redundant phrase "and A, m and n have the meanings indicated".

Claim 19 is amended to remove multiple dependency, to replace the comma after the term "ketones" with "and" and to insert the word "is" after the phrase "redissolving step".

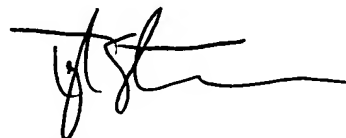
Claims 25 and 28 are amended to make them dependent on claim 22. Support is found in paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 10 of the specification.

Claims 37 and 38 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 5 and 36 respectively.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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